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Preached to Them."

COMMUNICATIONS.
A Few Words About Baptist
History.
Your Rev. Presbyteran co-
respondent you mention, in his
recent article, in the paper, the
Baptists of America descended from
Roger Williams and his church
in Providence, Rhode Island.
Of course you do not know
your antagonist knew his cause
a great deal of charity that he might in
compromising the truth and being
to the pastor, in that. He wrote
Island, who wrote him a good letter
in reply, assuring him that he was
the pastor of the very church founded
by Roger Williams, and that it
was liberal—that he was then engag-
ed in a union meeting with a half score

was called after that which they had
left. Meetings of the Baptists had
been held there for thirteen years be-
fore, but no church had been found
there. (Page 471.) Dr. Hawks, in a
Baptist, as quoted by Dr. Camp-
(page 533), says: "Noydissenter, in
Virginia experienced for a time, in
baptist treatment than did the Bap-
tists. They were beaten and im-
prisoned, and finally taxed its in-
habitants to devise new modes of pun-
ishment and annoyance. The usual
followed. Persecution low, whether they
made friends for its victims, and the lightly from rock to rock, and gla-
men who were not per-
sonal, found willing auditors in with burning, as long as their
them preach from the pulpit. What greater pleasure than to follow
"Again, page 536: "The first
Baptist Church in the country
is now the State of Delaware, was
founded at Welsh Tract in 1703. Six
can be finished, and how hard they

greatest of the tribe of people known as the *Yodle* Men. Peter answered, "not so, since—what you might call a good, moral kind of man—he will only be punished any way a short time, and then he admitted into Heaven with the best, he thinks he can afford to run the risk of being released from purgatory in a short time for the pleasures of his little sins in this life. He dies and finds the doctrine is true, and he is condemned to eternal punishment. Then, if the believer stands good a chance in the next world as the unchristian, if the doctrine is false and a better chance, if the doctrine is true, it seems to me the height of folly to dispute its truth."

In south Africa, the present chief is to sleep. Jesus had scarcely found the multitude led by the father, when suddenly his duties appeared. Peter fled with the best, he thinks he can afford to run the risk of being released from purgatory in a short time for the pleasures of his little sins in this life. He dies and finds the doctrine is true, and he is condemned to eternal punishment. Then, if the believer stands good a chance in the next world as the unchristian, if the doctrine is false and a better chance, if the doctrine is true, it seems to me the height of folly to dispute its truth."

Wherefore let Christians accept it as true and so conduct themselves. For the punishment of sin is His business, and He will most certainly attend to that in such a way as to re-
ward the good and punish the bad. (P. 19-13.) David only

to touch that point. We shall never win our people with the notion that a moral reformation will suffice, but will over and over again say to them, "Ye must be born again." We have not yet got into the condition of the Scotch minister who, when old John Macdonald preached to his congregation a sermon to sinners, remarked: "Well, Mr. Macdonald, that was a very good sermon which you have preached, but it is very much out of place, for I do not know one single unregenerate person in my conference. Poor soul, he was in all probability unregenerated himself." No, not flattery or *honorificabilitudinibus*, but continuing to them what the former said, and he said it well, they will never see the light of acceptance."

"The tremendous *gong* shall not hesitate about that. We

Shown above is top of page of oldest copy of Baptist Record known to be in existence.



Dr. J. B. Gambrell of Mississippi, and Dr. J. M. Frost of Virginia, spent a day together in a hotel room in Birmingham, preparing the recommendation which brought the Sunday School Board into being at the Southern Baptist Convention in Birmingham in 1891. Dr. Gambrell at that time was editor of the Baptist Record.—Painting by Erwin M. Hearne, Jr., owned by Baptist Sunday School Board. Used by permission.

HMB Adds 11 Workers

ATLANTA (BP) — Eleven missionaries were appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve in U. S. mission work, including James Samuel Wright who will direct Baptist work on Long Island in New York.

Other January appointments included four to serve under the board's Christian social ministries department; three to serve in National (Negro) Baptist work; two to work with Portuguese in Oak-

land, Calif., and one to be superintendent of missions in Springfield, Ill.

Wright will serve under the board's pioneer missions department as a pastor-director, with headquarters in Jamaica, N.Y.

Those appointed to serve under the Christian social ministries department are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Batson and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Land.

Batson will serve as super-
intendent of migrant missions

for the states of Florida, North and South Carolina, and Virginia, with headquarters in Orlando, Fla.

J. D. Land will serve as pastor-director in the Baptist center in Dayton, Ohio, and his wife will assist him.

Mrs. Land, the former Sue Bragg, a native of Lebanon, Tenn., also is a graduate of Tennessee Tech and Southwestern Seminary.

Two of the three to serve

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BILLY GRAHAM RAPS MODERN EDUCATION

DALLAS (BP) — America's colleges are in danger of "educating savages" by seeking to develop minds but ignoring spiritual and moral values of today's youth, Evangelist Billy Graham warned while making a round of speaking engagements here.

"The basic needs of young people today are not being met by much of modern education," he charged in an address before an overflow crowd of more than 11,000 at Dallas Memorial Auditorium.

Graham was guest speaker at a Christian Education Convocation sponsored by Dallas Baptist College here.

He said in visiting with young people on the nation's campuses he found a vacuum of religion and moral fiber developing in America. The only way the tide can be turned is through a spiritual awakening, he declared.

The noted evangelist was scheduled to speak immediately following addresses at two Baptist educational institutions in Texas to University of California students in Berkeley.

He told a crowded auditorium of students at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth that the California students "face problems of loneliness, guilt and fear of death."

"Many of them have

'dropped out' of everything. How can I interpret the gospel to them?" Graham said the answer lies in the necessity of "preaching the cross, showing concern and exemplifying the victorious Christian life."

Before his three days of speaking assignments here, Graham was widely quoted in his praise of Texas Gov. John Connally and the city of Dallas. Reacting to statements in the book "Death Of A President" by William Manchester, Graham said the charge that Dallas is a "diseased city" is false.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said. "Dallas is no more diseased than any other American city."

Hastings Named Illinois Editor

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — Robert J. Hastings, pastor of the University Baptist Church here, is the newly-elected editor of The Illinois Baptist, state paper of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

Hastings, who begins his duties about March 1, succeeds L. H. Moore, who resigned to

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The Baptist Record is this week observing a rare birthday anniversary—its ninetieth—and this issue is being devoted to portraying some of the progress of the past 90 years and giving some insight into Baptist life in the past.

The Baptist Record, the official journal of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, made its debut in February of 1877, following authorization for the paper at the State Convention in 1876.

A complete history of the paper begins on this page and every reader will want to complete the thrill-packed story of the paper.

Across the top of this page is the top of a facsimile of page one of the earliest copy of the paper known to be in existence.

It is dated Thursday, April 4, 1878 at Clinton, Miss. At the time it was the organ of both the Mississippi and Louisiana Baptist state conventions.

The picture on this page is from a painting which shows one of the most dramatic moments in Southern Baptist life.

Across the bottom of this page are seen the eight men who have served as editors of the paper.

On the inside pages are various features in word in picture portraying the history and life of Baptists in another day.

Page three is of special interest because something perhaps never before attempted has been accomplished.

The page contains the eight top stories in Baptist life during the past 90 years, and reported just as they would have been carried in the Baptist Record today.

On page two is carried photos of all who have served as executive secretaries of the State Convention Board since 1877 as well as a picture of the old State Baptist Building on Capitol Street.

Editorial statements from several of those who have served as editor of the Baptist Record as to the purpose of the paper are also seen on this page.

Series 16 Music Festivals Set

A series of 16 district music festivals has been planned for Feb. 16-18, according to Dan C. Hall, church music secretary.

In the piano section each participant will play the hymn selected once as it is written, once as accompanist and then as a variation.

In the song leading section each participant will select three songs and direct one stanza of each.

The vocal section will require each participant to select two numbers, one a gospel song and the other a sacred solo, and to sing them from memory. All participants will be judged and given a rating.

The piano and song leading sections are open to those 9 years of age through high school age while the vocalist

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State Paper Serves Denomination For Nine Decades

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
"Congratulations upon the birth of that healthful child of your own, offspring of your last session, The Mississippi Baptist Record." Thus ran the verbal offering of the Committee on Publications, tendered to the Mississippi Baptist Convention on July 2, 1877.

"Together with a vigorous constitution, bland smile, sweet prattle, a peculiar pungency, sagacity, and pertness, it is possessed of unusual wisdom for one of its age," the Committee avowed.

The "child" of the convention had been born that winter, its first issue

appearing in February.

At the Convention the year before, Elder J. L. Pettigrew had read the report of the Committee on Publications: "We recognize the religious press as one of the most powerful instruments put into our hands for the destruction of sin and the promotion of the Christian religion. Your committee is of the opinion that a paper published at some suitable point in the state is eminently desirable, and we recommend the establishment of the same."

M. P. Lowrey

For six years, 1870-1876, the "Mississippi Department" had appeared

in the Tennessee paper, *The Baptist*. But advocates of "a paper of our own in Mississippi" had been incubating plans down through the years.

In the Monday morning session of July 3, 1876, they had the pleasure of seeing their plans hatched. When Chairman Pettigrew read the report of the Committee of Publications he started a ball rolling that has not stopped to this day. That summer morning, one hundred years ago for one day, after the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America, Mississippi Baptists declared their independence. Now they would have a

state paper of their own! Pettigrew appointed a Committee of Five to nominate a Committee of Fifteen to set the paper in operation.

Did Pettigrew dream, as he mopped his brow that hot July day, that in 1967 the state paper in its 90th year would be mailed to more than 105,000 subscribers? Did he dream as he looked out over the audience of loyal Baptists that in 1967 their paper would be read weekly by more than a quarter of a million people?

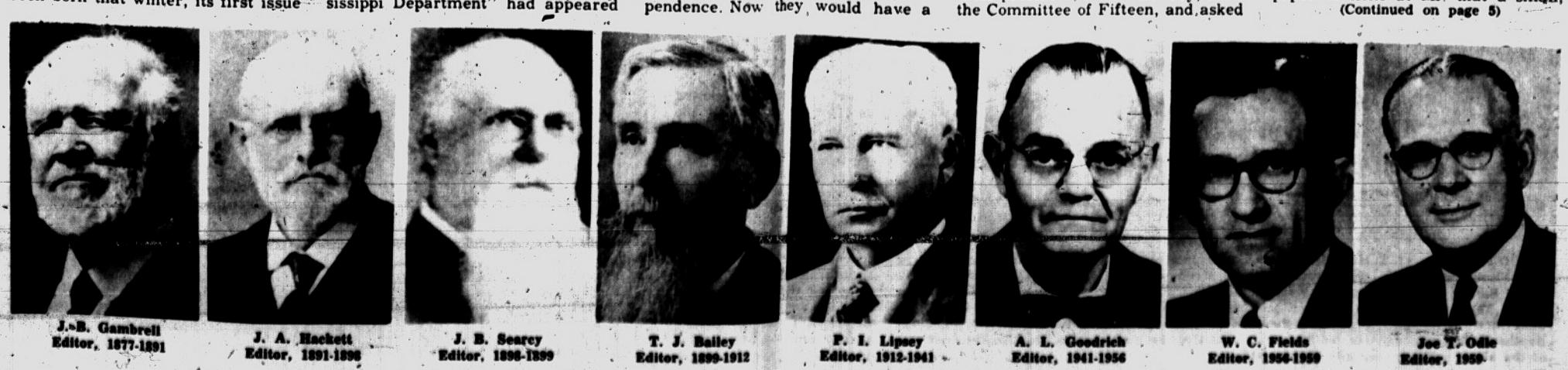
The Convention requested that their president, M. P. Lowrey, head the Committee of Fifteen, and asked

that he remain as editor of the "Mississippi Department" of *The Baptist* until a new paper could be started.

Failing to find pleasure in staying on a sinking ship till it is out of sight, Lowrey resigned the editorship. He felt that he could not be an active member of the Committee of Fifteen until the Convention had given something more definite (namely money) to go on. Use of the Tennessee paper was free.

His valedictory editorial of July 22, 1876, was red-peppered with satire: "We are told we must start a good paper or none at all—that a small,

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The Purpose Of Baptist Record

Each man who has served as editor of the Baptist Record has taken his task seriously, and has set out to make the paper the strongest possible witness for Christ and an undergirding force for all of the work of Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists.

Since few copies of the paper before 1898 are available we do not have statements of purpose from the early editors. However, every copy of the Baptist Record since 1888 is in the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society collection at Mississippi College, and the following editorial excerpts are taken from them:

FIRST EDITORIAL OF J. B. SEARCY, NOVEMBER 16, 1898

With deep gratitude to God and profound reverence for brethren I now make my bow as editor of The Baptist, which is to be the organ for the Baptist of Mississippi.

I am a native of Alabama, but it was in Newton county, in this State, September the 30th, 1855, that "I first saw the light, and the burden of my sins rolled away." In the providence of God most of my Christian life has been spent in another state, but as in the past, so in the future, my constant effort will be to unify, rather than divide my brethren.

We are Baptists, nothing less, nothing more. As I said in becoming editor of the Arkansas paper seventeen years ago, "we expect ever to advocate and vindicate the time honored principles of our faith, but shall endeavor to steer clear of endless and unprofitable discussion between brethren of a common faith."

We have no friends to favor, nor foes to frown upon. The columns of The Baptist will ever be open to the promotion of all measures fostered by our State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. I believe as much prayer, and care, ought to be given to what goes into a religious paper as into the pastor's sermon. I shall aim at this ideal, and therefore beg the prayers and co-operation of all my brethren.

Yours to serve,
J. B. Searcy

Dr. T. J. Bailey made no editorial statement of purpose at the beginning of his editorial leadership. He had been business manager for the paper, and simply took over editorial duties when Dr. J. B. Searcy retired.

The statement by Dr. P. I. Lipsey is being used as a guest editorial on the editorial page.

DR. A. L. GOODRICH BECAME EDITOR OF THE BAPTIST RECORD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 1942. HE MADE NO INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT OF POLICY, BUT LATER IN THE YEAR, LOOKING TOWARD 1943, HE SAID, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

"We aim to keep the Baptist Record true to the Bible as it always has been. Any article that casts doubt upon God's Word has no chance of publication.

We aim to do all that we can to promote the Cooperative Program. It is the best plan that Baptists now have for the promotion of their work. Hence we feel honor bound to do anything we can that will help that program."

WHEN DR. W. C. FIELDS, BECAME EDITOR IN 1956, HE WROTE,

"Among the diverse responsibilities falling upon Baptist newspapers there are these which we cannot forget:

First, last and always, that we present Christ to the nations, 'for in him dwelleth all the Godhead bodily.'

Second, that we faithfully publish the truth as God has given Baptists light; so see it and that 'we stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free'.

Third, that integrity, forthrightness, independence and the highest qualities of good journalism be continually employed to achieve these high and holy Kingdom purposes.

'But each for the joy of the working, and each, in his separate star, shall draw the things as he sees it, for the God of things as they are'."

WHEN THE PRESENT EDITOR CAME TO HIS POST, HE WROTE,

"As the responsibility for editing the Record becomes mine, I find in my mind some definite convictions and determinations concerning it.

It shall continue its witness for Christ on the same firm foundations laid by those who have gone before. It shall strive to fulfill the purpose defined in the constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Its message shall be centered in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, and in the doctrines of faith as held by Baptists.

It shall be missionary and evangelistic, promoting the whole program of Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists as they seek to carry the gospel of Christ to the whole world.

It shall seek to bring inspiration and information to every Mississippi Baptist, and to be a servant of every church, working with the pastors and church leaders in kingdom building.

These have been the purposes set forth by the men who have directed the paper through these years. How well they accomplished, or are accomplishing these things, will have to be judged by the people, and by our Lord Himself.



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Emeritus Foreign Missionaries To Be Honored In 1967 Conferences

Emeritus missionaries will be honored guests at the Foreign Mission Conferences at Ridgeway (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assemblies this summer. The Ridge-

crest meeting will be held June 15-21, the one at Glorieta, August 17-23.

New missionaries will be appointed in the opening session of the conference at Glorieta, where the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will hold a three-day meeting.

The theme for both conferences is "Teaching Them to Observe." The regular daily schedule will include mission study sessions for all age groups, Bible study, testimonies by furloughing missionaries, vespers, and noonday and evening services. The international lawn parties which have become a tradition at Foreign Mission Conferences will be held, colorful with missionaries garbed in the costumes of the lands where they work.

At each conference the emeritus missionaries will be specially recognized during

one of the worship services. Last June the Board voted that, beginning in 1967, every fifth year will be designated Emeritus Missionary Year and that during these years all emeritus missionaries may attend one of the Foreign Mission Conferences as guests of the Board.

Guest speakers at Ridgecrest will be Dr. H. Franklin Paschal, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Mrs. Robert Fling, president of Woman's Missionary Union, Robert S. Denny, an associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and William A. Mitchiner, Baptist businessman from Oxford, N.C.

At Glorieta speakers will include Dr. Robert B. Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Dr. C. Grady Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Dr. C. Ronald Goulding, another associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

(Continued from page 1) under the department of work with National Baptists were jointly appointed by the Home Mission Board and state conventions.

Earle F. Stirewalt, a Georgia native, will serve as secretary of the program of Negro work for the Baptist Convention of the State of Georgia, with headquarters in Atlanta.

Henry Lee Chennault will serve as state director of work with National Baptists and as an associate in the department of missions of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, with headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Stanley B. Bagley, a New Jersey native, also was appointed by the department of work with National Baptists to serve as a teacher-missionary in Langston University, Langston, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathanael

No One Attends Indiana Baptist Unity Meeting

By Al Shackelford

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)

The first effort of the Indiana Baptist Convention (American Baptist) to bring about closer relationships with other Baptist groups in the state met with "near failure," according to Stanley Dodgson, chairman of the convention's division of cooperative Christianity.

Dodgson had invited representatives from 16 Baptist fellowships in Indiana to a recent meeting, but no one attended.

The only response to his letter of invitation, according to Dodgson, was a letter from E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of Baptists in Indiana (Southern Baptist).

Moore, in the letter, stated interest in any effort toward increasing understanding among Baptists within the state, but also expressed a hesitancy of involvement in any formal discussions or plans without authorization from the SBC-affiliated convention.

Dodgson was attempting to implement a resolution passed by the Indiana Baptist Convention (ABC) at its annual meeting last fall which stated "that beginning immediately, we join together with other interested Baptist bodies to study the Biblical basis of our faith, particularly those things that tend to separate us in the light of all those things that should unite us."

The resolution also stated that "we are seriously considering eventual union with them (other Baptist groups) if we find during negotiations that the Holy Spirit is guiding us."

Groundbreaking Set In Hattiesburg

Groundbreaking services will be held next Sunday morning February 5, on the lot of 38th Ave. Church in Hattiesburg where construction of a new auditorium will begin immediately. Plans and specifications have already been adopted for the new construction.

Graham, Pope Rank High In Most Admired Poll

NEW YORK (EP)—Two religious leaders were listed in the 1967 Gallup Poll on the men "most admired" by Americans.

They were evangelist Billy Graham, the Southern Baptist clergyman, and Pope Paul VI. They were ranked fourth and fifth in the survey—the same rankings they received last year.

In comparison to other years, when he won runaway victories, President Johnson won the "most admired" title by only a slight margin over former President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Hastings Named

(Continued from page 1) become editor of the Ohio Baptist.

A native of Marion, Ill., he received the A.B. degree with honors from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, the B.D. and the Th.D. degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

For five years the new Illinois editor was associate to Merrill D. Moore, then the Stewardship Promotion Secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn. From 1960-1965, Hastings was Secretary of Stewardship Promotion for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown.

He has conducted stewardship conferences throughout the Southern Baptist Convention and in Canada, Mexico, Latin America and England. Hastings assisted in the development of the Forward Program of Church Finance and simplified materials for publication in Portuguese and Spanish.

In addition to being the author of six books, the new editor is the author of more than a thousand magazine articles, features, and curriculum studies.



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Carey To Offer Teacher's Exam

Approximately 30 to 35 William Carey College students will take the National Teacher's Examination this year. These examinations have been prepared and administered since 1950 by the Educational Testing Service, a non-profit educational organization, according to Dr. Roy Bigelow, acting chairman of the department of education.

The test will be given on three dates in 1967. The dates of the test are March 18, July 1, and October 7. The closing date for registration for the test to be given March 18 is February 17. All students taking this test are urged to file before this date.

Two types of exams are offered: (1) the common exams which are designed to provide an appraisal of a prospective teacher's professional and general education; (2) the Teaching Area Exams which are designed to evaluate understanding of the subject matter and methods applicable to specific teaching areas.



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